

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A system for printing electronic files comprising:
 - means adapted for receiving an electronic file, wherein the electronic file is representative of a document;
 - means adapted for receiving a print instruction via an application associated with the electronic file;
 - means adapted for enabling a print driver corresponding to at least one associated document output device in accordance with a received print instruction;
 - means adapted for prompting a user, via the print driver, for print setting information corresponding to the electronic file, the print setting information including at least one of a desired property including stapling, hole punching, output destination, number of copies, orientation, collating, and finishing;
 - means adapted for generating printer finishing configuration setting information data;
 - means adapted for appending the printer finishing configuration setting information data to the electronic file as printer job language commands;
 - means adapted for communicating the electronic file and printer job language commands to the document output device;
 - means adapted for automatically storing the generated printer finishing configuration setting information data in ~~an associated~~ a storage of the document output device;
 - association means adapted for associatively storing the printer finishing configuration setting information data with the electronic file such that subsequent recall of the electronic file automatically retrieves print setting information data associated therewith;
 - conversion means adapted for converting the electronic file to an image file;
 - means adapted for creating a print job in accordance with the image file and the printer finishing configuration setting information data;

means adapted for receiving data representative of a user request to select the print job for output to at least one selected destination, the at least one selected destination including at least one of a printed copy of the document, an e-mail inclusive of the image file, and an electronic copy of the image file;

means adapted for receiving primary output request data representative of a user request to output the print job;

means adapted for outputting, via the at least one document output device, at least a first copy of the image file in accordance with primary received output request data;

means adapted for receiving secondary output request data representative of a user request for at least a second output of the electronic file;

means adapted for retrieving, from the associated storage, the electronic file and associatively stored printer finishing configuration setting information data corresponding to the electronic file in accordance with a received secondary output request data; and

means adapted for outputting at least a second copy of the electronic file in accordance with retrieved printer finishing configuration setting information data corresponding thereto.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the at least one command is in a printer job language format.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising storage means adapted for storing the print job.

6. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising:

means adapted for receiving at least one additional electronic file, wherein the at least one additional electronic file is representative of a document image;

means adapted for specifying at least one additional printer finishing configuration setting information data;

means adapted for creating at least one additional print job by associatively storing the at least one additional electronic file with the specified printer finishing configuration setting information data;

means adapted for receiving data representative of a user request to select the at least one additional print job; and

means adapted for receiving output request data representative of a user request to output the at least one additional print job to a selected output destination.

7. (Currently amended) A method for printing electronic files comprising:
receiving an electronic file, wherein the electronic file is representative of a document;
receiving a print instruction via an application associated with the electronic file;
enabling a print driver corresponding to at least one associated document output device in accordance with a received print instruction;
prompting a user, via the print driver, for print setting information corresponding to the electronic file, the print setting information including at least one of a desired property including stapling, hole punching, output destination, number of copies, orientation, collating, and finishing;
generating printer finishing configuration setting information data;
appending the printer finishing configuration setting information data to the electronic file as printer job language commands;
communicating the electronic file and printer job language commands to the document output device
automatically storing generated printer finishing configuration setting information data in an associated a storage of the document output device;
associatively storing printer finishing configuration setting information data with the electronic file such that a subsequent recall of the electronic file automatically retrieves print setting information data associated therewith;
converting the electronic file to an image file;
creating a print job in accordance with the image file and the printer finishing configuration setting information data;

receiving data representative of a user request to select the print job for output to at least one selected destination, the at least one selected destination including at least one of a printed copy of the document, an e-mail inclusive of the image file, and an electronic copy of the image file;

receiving primary output request data representative of a user request to output the print job;

outputting, via the at least one document output device, at least a first copy of the image file in accordance with received primary output request data;

receiving secondary output request data representative of a user request for at least a second output of the electronic file;

retrieving, from the associated storage, the electronic file and associatively stored printer finishing configuration setting information data corresponding to the electronic file in accordance with a received secondary output request data; and

outputting at least a second copy of the electronic file in accordance with retrieved printer finishing configuration setting information data corresponding thereto.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the at least one command is in a printer job language format.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 7, further comprising:
receiving at least one additional electronic file, wherein the at least one additional electronic file is representative of a document image;
specifying at least one additional printer finishing configuration setting information data;
creating at least one additional print job by associatively storing the at least one additional electronic file with the specified printer finishing configuration setting information data;

receiving output request data representative of a user request to select the at least one additional print job; and

receiving data representative of a user request to print the at least one additional print job.

Claims 12-22 (Cancelled)